

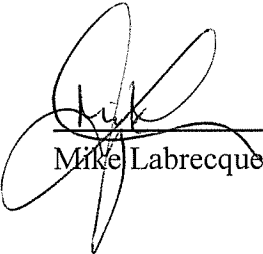
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Western Region Community Council
April 24, 2007

TO: Chair and Members of the Western Region Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: April 13, 2006

SUBJECT: Cost Shared Paving of Local and Subdivision Streets 2006/07

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Western Region Community Council meeting of March 27, 2006, cost shared paving of local and subdivision streets 2006/07.

BACKGROUND

At the March 27, 2006 meeting of Western Region Community Council, Councillor Rankin raised concern with the request from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works (NSTPW) regarding the deadline of April 5, 2006 for the submission of the list of gravel streets for the cost sharing paving programs.

DISCUSSION

HRM received a letter from NSTPW on March 6, 2006 requesting a list of streets for the 2006/07 cost sharing paving program. The request identified two separate paving programs; the paving of "J" class roads under the Aid to Municipality program, and the paving of "G" class roads which was to be a new initiative. The letter requested the lists to be submitted by March 10, 2006 (J class) and March 31, 2006 (G class). After some discussion, the date was extended to April 5, 2006 for both paving programs.

The paving of "J" class streets has been implemented over the past number of years. HRM has successfully surveyed 50 subdivision streets which are currently on the list to be paved. The Province has a specific annual budget level for this program based on the financing availability, approximately 3-6 six streets are paved each year. As indicated above the Province has added a new cost sharing program for paving of local subdivisions gravel roads. Information received from NSTPW suggested that "G" class streets were to be considered under this program.

Staff requested and received a list of 26 "G" class gravel streets which are owned and maintained by NSTPW. Unlike the 50 streets listed under the J class program, these streets have not been surveyed, and there was not sufficient time to undertake this procedure. In order to prioritize the list of 26 "G" class streets and satisfy the April 5, 2006 deadline, staff consulted with the respective Councillors to identify streets for paving consideration under this new program. Both lists were finalized and submitted to the Province on April 5, 2006.

The Province has conveyed to HRM that these programs are independent, each having its own funding level. It is our understanding the funding sources are not transferrable between the two programs and the same conditions apply to both programs. Cost sharing will be distributed evenly, with the Province covering 50% of the actual construction cost and the remaining 50% to be paid by HRM. The amount that is to be paid by HRM is recovered from the abutting property owners through HRM By-Law S-400, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

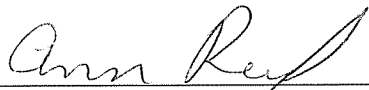
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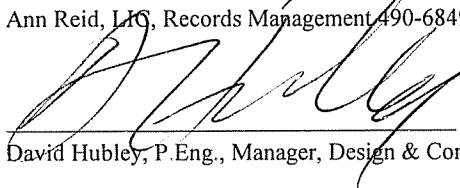
There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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